ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 2 p.m. BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Jeffery Zawoysky, Michael Pratt, Darion Johnston, Taylor Herren, Kassandra Bednarski, Courtney Silver, Jordan Walsh, Anita Zamora, CC Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT- Susan Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT – Nicole Lung, Shar Krater, Riley Wood, Jon Slaughter, Ewan McCloy (recording), Karen Bang

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Zawoysky, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. AGENDA – Silver requested adding Information Item L: Review of Resolution in Support of the Associated Students for the Real Food Challenge. Zamora said that for Action Item D the amount would be changed from $2,894.00 to $3,629.00. Motion to approve the 4/28/15 regular meeting agenda (Johnston/Bednarski) 7-0-0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the special meeting of 4/23/15. Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 4/23/15, as presented (Silver/Pratt). 7-0-0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Johnston congratulated Silver for receiving a Creativity and Research grant. Jarquin said that May 7th will be the reception. Herren said that today from 4 – 6 p.m. is the Star Awards for Student Life and Leadership. CAVE also has their recognition event at the same time and need a few extra facilitators if the committee can help.

V. PUBLIC OPINION – None

VI. OPINIONS – None

VII. BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Approval of Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution on Academic Space for Community Legal Information Center. Motion to approve Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution on Academic Space for Community Legal Information Center, as presented (Pratt/Zamora). Pratt explained that the Student Academic Senate heard from CLIC and passed this resolution unanimously. The resolution calls for recognition of the program as an academic program and giving them academic space on-campus. It is also important to give them unified space because they currently are spread out in two separate locations. Herren asked about these conversations that are going through with the University. Pratt said that this resolution is separate from the University being included. Johnston asked for clarification on a specific section of the resolution and it was written in to explain that they can’t provide legal internships or programs unless it is on-campus, rather than listing it as an academic program. CLIC needs space for 25 – 26 people. Johnston was also looking at whether or not the resolution is clear in listing it as rent-free space or academic space. Motion to amend the second-to-last resolved clause to state that the University will pay for the space (Johnston/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC. Motion to amend the last resolved clause to state “and that the financial responsibility be shifted to the University” (Johnston/Herren) 7-0-0 MSC. Motion to amend the clause to add a resolved clause that says “This resolution will be distributed to: the office of the President, office of the Provost, student affairs, academic senate, space allocation committee, campus facility use” (Johnston/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC. Herren has issues with people not being sure when the University meets and wanting to have students sit on these committees. She suggested asking Mary Wallmark to get this put on agendas for University committees to be discussed at those levels. 7-0-0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Approval of Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution to Establish a Dream Center on Campus. Motion to approve Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution to Establish a Dream Center, as presented (Pratt/Zamora). Pratt explained that this is another issue with space allocation. Walsh wanted to add a follow-up statement to make this be a motive. Johnston said with the last whereas makes it seem like the resolution is stating that all undocumented students are Hispanic which is not true, so she suggested adding a whereas before this statement that would make this statement more inclusive. Carter clarified that this was a resolution from the AS to the University to have space for a Dream Center. He had a
concern with the language of the resolution and being specific in creating a vision for what a center would be rather than a small office. Slaughter suggested the language stating the “creation of a Dream Center consisting of administrative support offices and programming space to be established.” Zawoysky suggested in a whereas before the last whereas having a focus of having a more diverse campus. Johnston suggested having “the majority of the undocumented students identity as are Hispanic, Latino, or Latina” to be inclusive. Johnston said there could be an issue of undocumented students not wanting to be deported or targeted, which could look like “making the Dream Center a safe place that prioritizes the safety of students who intend to use this space.” Slaughter wanted an inclusion of the University supporting the resolution in a resolution. Herren wanted to include a final resolved on who to distribute the resolution to: the president, academic affairs, student affairs, office diversity, University Diversity Committee, academic senate.

Motion to table this motion until the end of the meeting (Herren/Johnston) 7-0-0 MSC. Motion to suspend the rules (Herren/Bednarski) 7-0-0 MSC. The committee moved to Information Item L. After Action Item I, the committee returned to this Action Item. Motion to return to Action Item B (Herren/Pratt). The final decision on amendments were Johnston including as whereas that states “many student leaders involved with the Leaders for the Education and Advancement of Dreamers club on campus are supportive of creating a Dream Center, these students also voiced concerns that the visibility of such a Center could threaten the privacy and thus the status of undocumented students who utilize this resource and attract protest, hate speech, or violence directed at students and community members affiliated with the Center.” Johnston also had a resolved that states “That the Dream Center be a space developed in an intentional way that prioritizes the safety and security of all students and community members who utilize or are affiliated with the Center.” Krater had a concern with the language identifying only leaders of the organization and Johnston said she wanted to highlight these people. Jarquin explained that the club LEAD isn’t composed of entirely undocumented students.

C. Action Item: Approval of Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution on Shared Governance. Motion to approve Adoption of the Student Academic Senate Resolution on Shared Governance, as presented (Pratt/Herren). Pratt explained that this resolution defines and states that the students are the largest constituency group. There is an ongoing issue of equal representation for staff and students, closed meetings, non-compliance with posting agendas and minutes, which is illegal, and transparency. This is coming from the senate as a result of a multitude of issues that enforce open meeting acts and a joining of staff, faculty, and students to make it work. Herren said that this resolution will be presented on Thursday. Pratt will include the names of who this resolution will be sent out to. 6-0-0 MSC. The committee then moved to Action Item E.

D. Action Item: Approval of EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,894 for the 12th Chico Forensic Conference hosted by Anthropology Graduate Student Association on November 7-8, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium and Plumas Hall. Motion to approve EFAC allocation in the amount of $2,894 for the 12th Chico Forensic Conference hosted by Anthropology Graduate Student Association on November 7-8, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the BMU Auditorium and Plumas Hall, as presented (Zamora/Walsh). The event will cover speakers on Saturday and workshops on Sunday. They requested funding for speaker flights, hotels for the speakers, programs for the event, BMU tech expenses, and advertising. The organization is covering half the costs of the full event and essentially matching EFAC funding. 7-0-0 MSC. The committee then returned to Action Item C.

E. Action Item: Approval of revisions to the Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the Executive Vice President. Motion to approve revisions to the Associated Students Corporate Code Book through Action Items E – I (Herren/Pratt). Zawoysky explained that most of these are changes in language rather than operations. Herren explained that many of these codes haven’t been updated in 10 years. Committees and councils were revised to their current names, some were removed because they no longer exist, and clarification on CSSA and who is the voting member. Slaughter suggested amending this to “shall be Chico’s voting member.” Other changes were the time capsule and involvement fair. Zamora wanted the language to say a fall involvement fair, but is okay changing it to annual. Bednarski included “shall coordinate Cats in the Community” to her position. She also wanted to include something such as, “shall coordinate an annual safety walk.” 7-0-0 MSC.

F. Action Item: Approval of revisions to the Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for Director of University Affairs. Approved in Action Item E.

G. Action Item: Approval of revisions to the Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the Director of Legislative Affairs. Approved in Action Item E.
H. Action Item: Approval of revisions to the Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Programs. Approved in Action Item E.

I. Action Item: Approval of Revisions to Associated Students Corporate Code Book – Duties for the Commissioner of Community Affairs. Approved in Action Item E.

J. Information Item: 3/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Budget to Actual Experience – Motion to table Information Item J and Information Item K until the next meeting and adjourn the meeting (Herren/Pratt) 7-0-0 MSC.

K. Information Item: 3/31/15 Activity Fee Fund Capital Expenditures Report – Tabled until the next meeting.

L. Information Item: Review of Resolution in Support of the Associated Students for the Real Food Challenge – Silver and Herren met with the class who worked on the real food ballot to work on a resolution. She emphasized that this has come from the class and a lot of the language is taken from the Real Food Challenge. Silver changed the whereas to include the 100% of 200 wealthiest schools do this initiative as an incentive but could look like something that our campus shouldn’t do. Silver also said for be it further resolved there could be an issue of paying those in attendance of a meeting for the Real Food Calculator but Silver believes that this would only be for an hour. The 100% of 200 wealthy schools will be removed. Herren said other statistics of other colleges could be good to include in this resolution. She also said that this committee cannot commit the Associated Students and Dining Services but rather change the language to show support for this ballot. Herren also suggested referencing the new sustainability resolution. Carter asked about the impact to cost. Dining has already taken into account the cost and this resolution doesn’t change that. Carter emphasized the impact of this service to the students. Silver emphasized that this was something that the students voted for and there will be options of both real food and the other food. Zamora said that just because a certain amount of students voted for this doesn’t speak for the entire student body. Herren said that this resolution is focused on the passed Real Food Challenge and that the costing of food is another issue that needs to be discussed. Zawoysky asked why staff and faculty need to be included in this resolution if they already are a part of this and Silver said that they would help be a part of the annual report in seeing what will be brought to sustainability and dining. She said this would make it more formalized. Slaughter and Herren ensured that standing committees such as the Sustainability Affairs Committee and ASBC have been talked with about this resolution. The committee then returned to Action Item D.

VIII. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

IX. REPORTS: STAFF – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

X. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Reports were skipped for the sake of time.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XII. PUBLIC OPINION – None

XIII. OPINION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Zawoysky, adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.